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SUBJ: ARABS TOLD NOT TO WORK IN KIRYAT ARBA

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1. AT FEB 3 RALLY OF 150 MAYORS AND NOTABLES OF WEST BANK'S HEBRON DISTRICT, CHAIRED BY HEBRON MAYOR SHEIKH JAABARI, ARAB LABORERS WERE DIRECTED NOT TO WORK IN KIRYAT ARBA, MAJOR JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON OUTSKIRTS OF HEBRON. RALLY CALLED TO PROTEST 1. RECENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT ACTION ENABLING ISRAELI CITIZENS TO BUY, RATHER THAN RETN, APARTMENTS AND BUILD INDIVIDUAL HOMES IN KIRYAT ARBA, AND 2. PLANS FOR NEW 4-LANE HIGHWAY TO SETTLEMENT, WHICH WILL INVOLVE EXPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL ARAB PROPERTY. MUCH OF THIS LAND SAID TO BE HELD BY JAABARI FAMILY.

2. REPORTS SO FAR INDICATE ARAB WORKERS GENERALLY NOT HEEDING RALLY'S DECISION AND HAVE REPORTED FOR WORK AS USUAL. THEY MAKE UP BULK OF CONSTRUCTION LABOR EMPLOYED IN KIRYAT ARBA.

3. JAABARI'S INITIATIVE IN SPONSORING THIS MEETING, WHICH RE-

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PORTEDLY AMONG MOST BITTER OF RECENT YEARS, IS SOMEWHAT OUT OF

CHARACTER AS HE HAS MAINTAINED RELATIVELY AMICABLE RELATIONS
WITH GOI. IF MOST PROPERTY INVOLVED IS OWNED BY HIS LARGE
FAMILY, THIS MIGHT BE EXPLANATION.
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